

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The age of retirement of the Port and Dock employees and officers was enhanced from 58 to 60 years *vide* OM No. A-38011/5/98-PE-I dated 28th May, 1998.

(c) The age of retirement of Port & Dock employees as on 1.5.2007 is 58 years.

(d) No, Sir. Based on the Calcutta Port Trust's Board Resolution No. I 128 dated 25.8.2000 seeking approval of the Central Government for rolling back the retirement age of the employees of Kolkata Port Trust from 60 to 58 years, the Government conveyed approval *vide* letter No. PR-12016/42/2000-PE-I dated 18th October, 2000.

Condition of roads under NHDP

3157. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received by NHAI regarding bad condition of roads under NHDP; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPAN): (a) and (b) Some representations were received, especially during monsoon season, regarding repair and maintenance of certain highways/bridges under National Highways Development Project (NHDP), which were duly attended to as part of maintenance to keep the highways/bridges in traffic worthy condition.

Wherever 4/6 laning works under NHDP are under implementation, to keep the existing roads in traffic worthy condition, the maintenance of existing roads are carried out by the Contractor/Concessionaire as part of their obligations under contract/concession agreement. In case of sections identified under NHDP where 4/6 laning has not yet started, the maintenance of existing roads are being carried out by NHAI, State Public Works Departments (PWDs)/Border Road Organisation (BRO) through funds provided by the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways.